

State Officers Electoral Board Meeting
Thursday, August 31, 2006
10:34 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jesse R. Smart, Chairman
Patrick A. Brady, Member
John R. Keith, Member
William M. McGuffage, Member
Albert S. Porter, Member
Bryan A. Schneider, Member
Robert J. Walters, Member

ABSENT:

Vice Chairman Wanda L. Rednour

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel
Rupert Borgsmiller, Director/Public Disclosure
Dianne Felts, Director/Voting Systems and Standards
Mark Mossman, Director/Election Information
Darlene Gervase, Assistant to the Executive Director

The State Officers Electoral Board meeting was called to order at 10:34 a.m. with 7 members present. Mr. Keith held Vice Chairman Rednour's proxy.

Chairman Smart presented the minutes of the August 11th meeting. Mr. Schneider moved and Mr. Walters seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

General Counsel Sandvoss offered a short synopsis of the objection *Lietz, Dreher v. Parnarauskis*, 06SOEBGE503. The hearing examiner found that the petition contained 3,229 valid signatures which was 244 above the statutory minimum number of valid signatures of 2985. He also recommended overruling the objection to the 44 pages based on deficiencies that were alleged by the objector. Mr. Sandvoss agreed with the recommendation of the hearing examiner that the objection should be overruled and the name of Joseph J. Parnarauskis be certified to the November 7, 2006 General Election Ballot for Senator from the 52nd Legislative District for the Socialist Equality Party. Mr. Courtney Nottage was present for the objector and Mr. Andrew Spiegel was present for the candidate. Both parties addressed the Hearing examiner and General Counsel's recommendations and answered questions from the Board. Discussion ensued among the Board Members. Mr. Walters moved to accept the recommendation of the Hearing examiner and General Counsel. Mr. Brady seconded the motion which failed 4-4. Board Members voting against the motion were: Mr. Keith, Mr. McGuffage, Mr. Porter and Vice Chairman Rednour.

Mr. Sandvoss presented the *Williams, Bailey v. Whitney, et al.*, 06SOEBGE504 matter, an objection to the Green Party Candidates for state constitutional offices. He stated 25,000 valid signatures were required for ballot access and that a records examination resulted in 27,491 valid signatures, almost 2500 signatures above the statutory minimum. The General Counsel concurred with the recommendation of the Hearing examiner to overrule the objection and certify the candidates for state constitutional offices to the November 7, 2006 election ballot. Mr. Schneider moved and Mr. Keith seconded a motion to accept the recommendations of the Hearing examiner and General Counsel and overrule the objection. The motion passed 8-0 by roll call vote.

There being nothing further before the State Officers Electoral Board, Mr. Keith moved to recess and reconvene as the State Board of Elections at 11:37 a.m. Mr. McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The State Officers Electoral Board resumed at 2:06 p.m. Mr. Brady moved to have roll call stand. Mr. McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Schneider moved that the objection in the Parnarauskis matter be overruled. Lengthy discussion ensued, but there was neither a second nor further action on Mr. Schneider's motion.

Mr. Keith moved to recess the State Officers Electoral Board until 9:30 a.m. on September 6, 2006 or until the call of the chairman. Mr. McGuffage seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The State Officers Electoral Board recessed at 3:26 p.m. and will reconvene Thursday, September 6, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. via teleconference call.

DATED: September 22, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Gervase, Administrative Specialist II

Daniel W. White, Executive Director